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WINNEMUCCA FIELD OFFICE

PROJECT AND PLANNING SCHEDULE



Dear Interested Public:

Enclosed is the Project and Planning Schedule keeping you informed of projects, planning activities, and work progress for the Winnemucca Field Office. This is the second edition of the schedule that will be issued annually. The schedule is also available on the BLM Winnemucca Field Office web site at www.nv.blm.gov/winnemucca. If you would like to have your name removed from the mailing list for this schedule or would like to update mailing list information, please complete the information requested below and return to the Winnemucca Field Office at the following address:

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I. Introduction

The attached schedule is a source of information for the status of environmental reviews in progress or completed at the Winnemucca Field Office. We hope this information will increase your awareness of, and interest in, BLM activities and provide you with an opportunity to discuss actions with us.

II. Definitions

Below are some definitions that may be useful to you in reading the following schedule.

Allotment Evaluation (AE) - Is an evaluation of management actions to determine if resource management objectives and/or standards for rangeland health are being met in grazing allotments.

Application to Permit Drilling (APD) – The permit for subsurface drilling.

Categorical Exclusion (CX) – Actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and do not require an EA or EIS.

Decision Record (DR) - The decision document associated with an EA.

Document of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA) – A determination by the BLM that NEPA documentation previously prepared by the BLM fully covers a proposed action, and no additional analysis is necessary.

Environmental Assessment (EA) - Is a level of environmental analysis for federal actions that do not require an EIS, where there are no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment. The EA analysis may determine significant adverse impacts requiring the preparation of an EIS. An EA may not be prepared for major Federal actions requiring an EIS.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Is a level of environmental analysis conducted for major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment (**DEIS** refers to a draft EIS, **SEIS** refers to a supplemental EIS, and **FEIS** refers to a final EIS).

Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) - A Federal Act enacted in 1976 that provides guidelines for the management of our federal lands.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) - The FONSI is the finding associated with a DR when the EA demonstrates the proposal has no significant adverse effects. If adverse impacts are determined to be significant, then an EIS is prepared.

Land Use Plan Amendments - Plan amendments serve to address issues or proposals that are not presently considered or adequately addressed in the existing land use plan.

Management Framework Plan (MFP) - The current land use plan(s) in effect for the Winnemucca Field Office. Land use plans guide management actions on the public lands covered by the plan. Land use plan decisions establish goals and objectives for resource management, the measures needed to achieve these goals and objectives and the parameters for using public lands under BLM jurisdiction.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) [Pub.L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347] - In the Act, Congress declared a national policy to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment, promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere, stimulate the health and welfare of man, and to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the nation. All proposed federal actions that may affect the quality of the human environment must be reviewed for NEPA compliance. NEPA opens the federal agency decision making processes to involvement and scrutiny by the public including state and local governments and other concerned organizations or individuals. NEPA procedures ensure that environmental information is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and actions taken.

Notice of Intent (NOI) - Is a notification published in the Federal Register to prepare an EIS. Publication of a NOI notifies the public of proposed federal actions and formally begins scoping (issue identification) for an EIS.

Record of Decision (ROD) - The decision document associated with an EIS.

III. Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Proposed or in Progress

Title: Glamis Marigold Mining Company - Marigold Mine Millennium Expansion Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Location: T33N, R43E, portions of Section 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, and 31; T32N, R43E, portion of Section 6

Description: The Marigold Mine Millennium Expansion Project, described in this SEIS, would disturb approximately 658 acres of private land and 736 acres of public land, for a total of 1,394 acres. The proposed project would include; expansion of two existing pits, development of five new pits, expansion of the Old Marigold waste rock storage areas, development of three new waste rock storage areas, development of waste storage areas in two of the proposed pits (pit backfill), two new heap leach processing facilities, a new absorption/desorption recovery facility, haul roads, new support and ancillary facilities, and construction of a hold-and-release evapotranspiration closure cover for both the new heap leaches and existing heap leach dumps. The Millennium Expansion Project would extend mine operation an additional 6 years through the year 2013.

Major Issues: Air quality, surface and groundwater resources, and stream diversions

Analysis Status: The Draft SEIS is scheduled to be available to the public on November 29, 2002 with the sixty days public comment period ending January 28, 2003. The Record of Decision is scheduled for the month of August 2003.

Contact: Jeff Johnson

**Marigold Mine
Humboldt County, NV**



Title: The Black Rock Desert - High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails, National Conservation Area (NCA) Management Plan and EIS.

Location: Black Rock Desert region and associated Wilderness Areas as defined by legislation are located on public lands administered by BLMs' Winnemucca Field Office (Winnemucca, NV) and the Surprise Field Office (Cedarville, CA). The NCA and associated Wilderness Areas will be managed by the Winnemucca Field Office in coordination with the Surprise Field Office by an NCA Manager who is headquartered in Winnemucca.

Description: The Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-554), passed by the 106th Congress, designated approximately 797,000 acres of public land, managed by the BLM, as the Black Rock Desert - High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA. The legislation also designated about 757,500 acres of public land managed by BLM as Wilderness in ten (10) Wilderness Areas. The legislation mandates that BLM develop a "comprehensive resource management plan for the long term protection and management of the conservation area," and Wilderness Areas within three years of the enactment of the Act or by December 20, 2003.

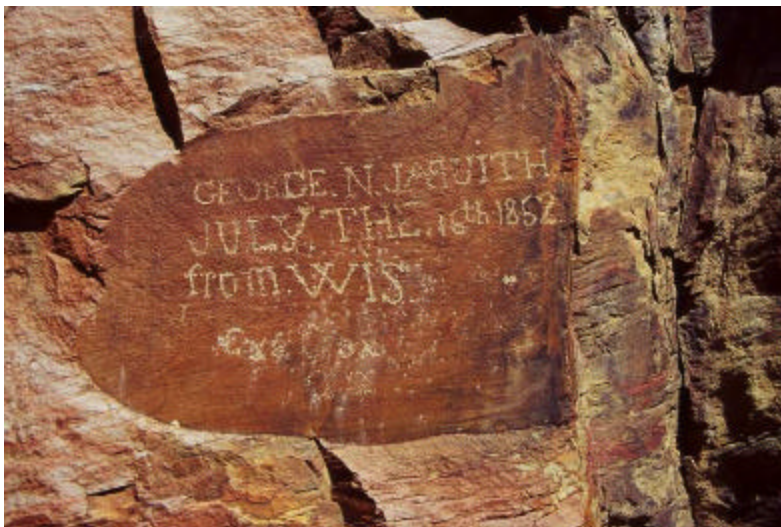
Major Issues: To be determined from public scoping efforts. Anticipated issues include; access, off-highway-vehicle use, preservation of cultural resources and Native American values, scenic qualities, wilderness values, and large scale recreation events, potential adverse impacts to non-playa areas and springs, range, wildlife, wild horse & burro, and public safety.

Analysis Status: The DEIS is scheduled to be available for public review in early November 2002. The review period will continue through March 2003. The FEIS is scheduled for public availability in May 2003 with a ROD projected for September 2003.

Contact: Dave Cooper, NCA Manager



The pioneer spirit lives on in the Black Rock Desert.



Rock carving by an early pioneer (Rock Fall Canyon, NCA).

Title: Coeur Rochester, Plan of Operations Modification

Type of Action: Heap Leach Closure and Pit Backfill

Location: T28N, R34E, Sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34

Description: The mine is proposing to utilize Green World Science technology to close all the heap leach pads. They are also proposing a partial backfill of the open pit. Impacts associated with a possible pit lake would also be included in the analysis.

Analysis Status: EIS is pending

Contact: Delores Cates

IV. Environmental Assessments (EAs) Proposed or in Progress

A. Minerals

Title: Hycroft Mine Interim Heap Closure Plan

Type of Action: Amendment of Plan of Operations

Location: Hycroft Mine Site, T34N, R28E, Sections 1, 2; T35N, R29E, R28E, Section 23, 24, 25, 235, and 36; and T35N, R30E, Sections 17, 19, 20, 35, and 36

Description: Hycroft Resources is proposing to close the Brimstone and Crowfoot heaps by converting the Crowfoot process ponds to evaporation cells. We anticipate that Hycroft may intend to close the Brimstone heap without rinsing. The existing unlined overflow pond is proposed to be converted to an infiltration basin. Hycroft may also plan to stack spent ore from the heaps adjacent to the pad on an unlined surface. An EA will be required.

Analysis Status: Pre-planning

Contact: Mark Gingrich

Title: Relief Canyon Mine Closure

Type of Action: Plan for Reclamation and Closure of the Relief Canyon

Location: Relief Canyon Mine, T27N, Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21.

Description: Operators of the mine have not complied with the reclamation requirements. BLM holds a bond that partially covers reclamation costs. Reclamation priority assessment is in the planning stage to determine best use of available funds. An approved closure plan is not part of the existing Plan of Operations. Any proposed closure will require an EA.

Analysis Status: Pre-planning

Contact: Mark Gingrich

Title: Coeur Rochester, Plan of Operations

Type of Action: Various amendments and modifications

Location: T28N, R34E, Sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34

Description: BLM expects heap leach pad expansions, pit expansions, waste dump expansions

Analysis Status: A previous EA has been completed. The expansions may require a DNA, supplemental EA or include an EIS.

Contact: Janet Hook



On-going Reclamation activities (Pit Backfilling) at the Coeur Rochester Mine.

Title: Geologic Research, Stanford University

Type of Action: Deep crustal seismic refraction

Location: From southern Santa Rosa Range to near Vya, Nevada

Description: The proposal is to drill two to three shallow holes into bedrock and detonate explosives. Portable geophones will be placed on the ground in a line about 50 miles long to detect the seismic waves reflecting off the crust. BLM has recommended to the researcher to obtain a third party contractor to prepare the EA. Cedarville BLM Field Office will be also involved. The university will determine if they have grant money in October 2002. They will want to do the work in the summer or fall of 2003.

Analysis Status: On hold

Contact: Delores Cates

Title: Florida Canyon Mine Heap Closure Plan Revision and Height Increase

Type of Action: Amendment to the Plan of Operations

Location: T32N, R33E, Section 34; and T31N, R33E, Sections 2 and 3

Description: The existing plan for closing the heap leach pad by rinsing with fresh water cannot be implemented, as there is no source of good quality water. Therefore the plan for closing the heap must be changed. The company is proposing a drain, evaporate and evapotranspiration cover scheme. Additionally, the company is proposing to increase the height of ore on the north end of the heap by 100 feet.

Analysis Status: A third party EA is being prepared.

Contact: Chuck Johnson

Title: Standard Mine Plan of Operations

Type of Action: New mine plan of operations

Location: T31N, R33E, Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36; T30N R33E, Sections 1 and 2

Description: Florida Canyon Mining Incorporated, a wholly owned subsidiary of Apollo Gold Inc., may propose to open a new mining operation along the west side of the Humboldt Range about three miles south of its existing Florida Canyon Mine. This operation would consist of one or more open pits, associated waste rock storage areas, a heap leach pad and a carbon adsorption circuit. Loaded carbon processing would occur at the existing Florida Canyon Mine.

Analysis Status: The company has not committed to proceed with the project, nor have the details of the plan been determined. An EIS or large EA is anticipated to be necessary if the project extends onto public land.

Contact: Chuck Johnson

Title: Standard Mine Exploration Project Plan Modification

Type of Action: Modification to plan of operations

Location: West side of the Humboldt Range

Description: Florida Canyon Mining is proposing to expand its exploration plan boundary to include the existing notice disturbance.

Analysis Status: DEA is being developed.

Contact: Chuck Johnson

Title: Pinson Mine CX Pit Closure/Granite Creek Diversion

Type of Action: Mine closure

Location: Pinson Mine, T38N, R42E, Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13; T39N, R42E, Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32

Description: EA is proposed to analyze the potential impacts from permanently diverting the flow from Granite Creek into the A/CX open pits.

Analysis Status: Second draft of the EA is expected in November 2002.

Contact: Delores Cates

Title: Preble Mine Closure

Type of Action: Mine closure

Location: T36N, R41E, Sections 8, 17, 18, 20

Description: The EA will analyze the potential impacts from permanently discharging heap leach effluent into a leach field.

Analysis Status: EA is expected in November 2002.

Contact: Delores Cates

Title: Newmont Twin Creeks Mine Plan of Operations Amendments

Type of Action: Various: DNA - EA

Location: Parts of T38N, R43E; T39N, R43E; T39N, R42E, T40N, R43E

Description: Various projects & adjustments to their operating plan, such as Juniper Tailing Impoundment Expansion, fuel tank relocation, exploration, etc.

Analysis Status: Some amendments in progress, some expected sometime during the year.

Contact: Janet Hook

Title: Sleeper Mine Closure

Type of Action: Mine closure

Location: T40N, R35E, Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29

Description: Final closure of heap leach pads, waste rock dumps, and/or mill site

Analysis Status: The draft plan(s) is expected to be submitted February 2003.

Contact: Janet Hook

Title: Sierra Cascade LLC Proposed Open Pit Gypsum Mine

Type of Action: 43 CFR 3809 Mining Plan of Operation, which requires an EA.

Location: The Poito Valley about 2.5 miles north of Lake Winnemucca, T29N, R23E, Section 31.

Description: Sierra Cascade LLC of Chemult, Oregon has submitted an operations plan to mine gypsum. Phase 1 of this plan proposes an initial open pit quarry to be established on a 25-acre parcel over a five-year period. A crushing facility and a variety of related mining equipment, as well as an occupancy when the operation is active, will be located within the parcel. The proposed action is to mine, crush, and stockpile gypsum. Trucks will pick up the gypsum and deliver it to markets in California, Idaho, and Oregon. The operation will be active in early spring and fall each year.

Analysis Status: BLM is awaiting an adequate proposal and NEPA document, which is being prepared by the proponent.

Contact: Robert Lutz

B. Geothermal

Title: Geothermal Power Plant

Type of Action: Sundry notice, Plan of Utilization

Location: T31N, R33E, Section 28, near Rye Patch Reservoir

Description: New owners want to bring an existing power plant into production

Analysis Status: Original EA was completed in 1992. The final supplemental EA is being prepared.

Contact: Delores Cates

Title: Geothermal Actions

Type of Action: Various NOIs, APDs and sundry notices. BLM expect at least five new actions.

Location: Various

Description: BLM is anticipating increased geothermal exploration and development activity, such as geophysics, shallow temperature gradient wells, shallow drilling, and potentially some deeper drilling and flow testing.

Analysis Status: Some projects may require EA's while others may be analyzed by DNA's if an EA has been completed for the project in the past.

Contact: Delores Cates

C. Lands/ Realty

Title: Potential land exchanges and/or sales

Type of Action: Land tenure adjustment

Location: Various

Description: Disposal of public lands either through sale or exchange.

Analysis Status: Feasibility study and research being conducted

Contact: Ken Detweiler or Lynn Trost

Title: Potential Energy-Related Proposals

Type of Action: Rights-of-way (ROW)

Location: Various

Description: There is an emphasis on production of alternative energy sources including wind energy and geothermal energy. Applications for wind energy monitoring site ROW have already been received. Applications for energy production site ROW are anticipated. Applications for ROW for geothermal development are also anticipated.

Analysis Status: EAs to be prepared as needed

Contact: Ken Detweiler

Title: Potential Land Acquisition/Southern Nevada Lands Management Act

Type of Action: Land tenure adjustment

Location: Knott Creek Reservoir and surrounding lands

Description: BLM currently has a proposed acquisition for land and water at and near Knott Creek Reservoir.

Analysis Status: The estate to be acquired is being defined.

Contact: Ken Detweiler

Title: Star Creek Pipeline

Type of Action: Water pipeline ROW

Location: Buena Vista Valley/Star Creek

Description: The proposal consists of a water diversion structure on Star Creek and an associated PVC pipeline running to private property for irrigation purposes.

Analysis Status: EA to be completed in the fall/winter 2002.

Contact: Ken Detweiler

Title: Old Jungo Road Access Road ROW

Type of Action: Access road ROW

Location: Old Jungo Road west of Winnemucca

Description: The proposal is for a road right-of-way from an existing road to private property.

Analysis Status: EA will be completed in the fall/winter 2002.

Contact: Ken Detweiler

Title: Blue Lake Communication Site

Type of Action: ROW Reservation

Location: Blue Lake WSA

Description: Install a BLM repeater for radio communications.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Humboldt County Road Realignment

Type of Action: FLPMA ROW

Location: East of Chimney Reservoir

Description: County proposes to drop the grade a few feet on an existing stretch at the top of a knoll and shift approximately 200 feet of road a few feet south for better grade and better on-coming vehicle visibility.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Phase IV, Humboldt Oregon Idaho Utilities

Type of Action: Buried fiber optic cable

Location: Install an underground cable through McDermitt Reservation and miscellaneous fingers on the west side of Highway 95 through Silver State Valley and Tucker Pass

Description: Complete contractor writing EA

Analysis Status: EA is being developed by contractor

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Udovch ROW

Type of Action: FLPMA ROW

Location: East of Eden Valley Road

Description: New road location for private access.

Analysis Status: EA to be developed

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Miscellaneous Opening of Lands

Type of Action: Retract segregations and open lands to entry

Location: Paradise and Denio Planning area

Description: Complete the opening of federal lands that were previously shelved and one new proposal associated with Pinson Mines Airstrip.

Analysis Status: EA to be developed

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Misc ROWs

Type of Action: Issue FLPMA ROW

Location: Paradise-Denio Planning Area

Description: Small ROWs for access, reservoirs.

Analysis Status: EA or CX as applicable to on-the-ground conditions.

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Crowley Jordan Road Easement

Type of Action: Acquire easement for BLM access

Location: Crowley Jordan Road

Description: Acquire easment to facilitate road maintenance and public access.

Analysis Status: Multi-discipline EA

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Parlasca Road Easement

Type of Action: Acquire non-exclusive easement for BLM administrative access including fire suppression

Location: Road(s) on Doctor Parlasca's property - Grass Valley

Description: Road(s) on Dr. Parlasca's property are gated preventing public access from Grass Valley to adjacent public land as well as for fire suppression needs.

Analysis Status: Multi-discipline EA

Contact: Lynn Trost

Title: Oregon-Idaho Utilities Communications Cable Project - Phase IV

Type of Action: ROW application

Location: Various - Highway 95, McDermitt, NV, Highway 140, and Slumbering Hills

Description: Installation of buried communication cable.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Lynn Trost

D. Recreation/Wilderness

Title : Educational Sign Project

Type of Action: Categorical Exclusion

Location: On public land along the I-80 corridor

Description: The Economic Development's Communications Team would like to install a minimum of two and a maximum of four informational signs along the I-80 corridor.

Analysis Status: Pending

Contact: Diane Murray



Landsailing on our public lands.

Title: Landsailing event

Type of Action: Special Recreation Permit.

Location: Black Rock Desert Playa

Description: Large landsailing event on playa surface.

Analysis Status: EA supplement to be prepared

Contact: Barb Keleher

Title: Various Motorcycle Races

Type of Action: Motorcycle Race – Special Recreation Permit

Location: Various

Description: Various

Analysis Status: EAs or DNAs

Contact: Barb Keleher

Title : Bloody Shins Trail System

Type of Action: Recreation Development

Location: East of Winnemucca, NV

Description: Develop recreation plan and EA

Analysis Status: EA nearing completion

Contact: Barb Keleher

Title: Burning Man 2003

Type of Action: Special Recreation Permit

Location: Black Rock Desert Playa - Approximate eight miles north of Gerlach, NV

Description: Proposal is to construct a temporary city called Black Rock City for the purposes of conducting a combination art festival, social event, and experiment in community living.

Analysis Status: Annual event

Contact: Dave Cooper



Burning Man Festival

Title: Various Rocket Club launches

Type of Action: Special Recreation Permit

Location: Black Rock Desert Playa

Description: Various amateur rocket clubs launch rockets from the Black Rock Desert playa.

Analysis Status: Programmatic EA will be prepared

Contact: Dave LeFevre

Title: Black Rock Golf Tournament

Type of Action: Special Recreation Permit

Location: Black Rock Desert Playa

Description: Golf Tournament held on playa surface.

Analysis Status: EA supplement to be prepared

Contact: Dave LeFevre

Title: Various Outfitters and Guides
Type of Action: Various
Location: Various
Description: Various
Analysis Status: DNAs
Contact: Barb Keleher



Canoeing on the Quinn River.

Title: Water Canyon Recreation Facilities
Type of Action: Implementation of Water Canyon Recreation Plan
Location: Water Canyon, Sonoma Range
Description: Construct campground facilities and road maintenance.
Analysis Status: EA supplement will be prepared
Contact: Barb Keleher

Title: Wilderness – Grazing Operations
Type of Action: Range maintenance
Location: Various Wilderness Areas
Description: Analyze options for range facility maintenance in Wilderness Areas.
Analysis Status: EA will be completed
Contact: Brian Murdock

Title: Golconda to Winnemucca Mule Race
Type of Action: Mule Race
Location: Golconda, NV to Winnemucca, NV
Analysis Status: DNA will be prepared
Contact: Lynn Clemons

E. Fire Management

Title: Various Fire Rehabilitation Projects
Type of Action: Fire rehabilitation of rangeland
Location: To be determined
Description: Fire rehabilitation of rangeland including seeding, installation of fences, and installation of sediment control structures.
Status: EAs will be prepared on “as needed” bases
Contact: John Ruhs



The BLM fighting a range fire.

Title : Fuels Projects

Type of Action: Wild land fire fuel treatments

Location: Various

Description: Various highway fuel breaks or green strips

Analysis Status: EAs will be prepared as needed

Contact: John Ruhs

Title: Normal Year Fire Rehabilitation Plan and Environmental Assessment

Type of Action: Update Fire rehabilitation plan and EA

Location: Various

Description: The fire rehabilitation plan EA has not been updated since 1994. A revised plan EA will be prepared.

Analysis Status: New EA will be developed

Contact: John Ruhs and Terri Barton

F. Range/Wildlife/Wild Horses

Allotment: Rock Creek Allotment

Title: Rock Creek Riparian Fence

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Rock Creek Allotment

Description: As per the Rock Creek Final Multiple Use Decision of September 5, 1997, this project should reduce adverse impacts of livestock grazing on the Little and Big Squaw Meadows.

Analysis Status: EA will be completed

Contact: Everett Bartz

Allotment: Spring Creek Allotment

Title: North/South Spring Creek Division Fence Project

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Spring Creek Allotment

Description: A fence that will create four pastures from two pastures

Analysis Status: Initiate project planning

Contact: Everett Bartz



Wild Horses

Allotment: Jackson Mountain, Battle Creek, Happy Creek

Title: Jackson Mountain Wild Horse Gather

Type of Action: Wild horse gather

Location: Jackson Mountains

Description: Reduce herd size to appropriate management level

Analysis Status: EA out for public comment

Contact: Tom Seley

Allotment:

Title: Big Horn Sheep Population Augmentation

Type of Action: Transplant 25 Big Horn Sheep

Location: North Black Rock Range

Description: NDOW proposed to capture 25 sheep in the Santa Rosa Range and transplant them into the North Black Rock Range.

Analysis Status: EA will be developed

Contact: Brian Murdock and Clarence Covert

Allotment: Sugarloaf Allotment

Title: Desperation Reservoir

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Sugarloaf Allotment

Description: A reservoir is proposed to be created to better water livestock

Analysis Status: Initiate project planning

Contact: Everett Bartz

Allotment: Pleasant Valley Allotment

Title: Goldpan Reservoir

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Pleasant Valley Allotment

Description: A reservoir is proposed to be created to better water livestock

Analysis Status: Initiate project planning

Contact: Everett Bartz

Allotment: Pleasant Valley Allotment

Title: Sweet Sou Reservoir

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Pleasant Valley Allotment

Description: A reservoir is to be created to better water livestock

Analysis Status: Initiate project planning

Contact: Everett Bartz

Allotment: Rock Creek Allotment

Title: Rock Creek Riparian Pasture Fence with enclosures F2DK

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Pleasant Valley Allotment

Description: Fence for better livestock management in and around riparian areas with LCT Habitat.

Analysis Status: Middle phases

Contact: Everett Bartz

Title: Rock Springs Temporary Water Troughs

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Little Owyhee Allotment

Description: Installation of water troughs in the Rock Springs Native Pasture for water hauling to provide additional water for wildlife and livestock

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Title: Craine Creek Riparian Fence

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Knott Creek Allotment

Description: This fence would create a pasture to protect the riparian habitat along Craine Creek in the Knott Creek Allotment and allow for controlled livestock grazing.

Analysis Status: Initial project layout in 2002-03

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Title: Cove Creek Riparian Fence

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Knott Creek Allotment

Description: This fence would create corridor fencing along Cove Creek and create a pasture to protect both the streambank riparian and meadow habitats in the Knott Creek Allotment, and allow for controlled livestock grazing.

Analysis Status: Initial project layout in 2002-03

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Title: Knott Creek Drift Fence

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Knott Creek Allotment

Description: This series of fences would create a barrier to keep livestock from drifting from the lower elevation pastures of the Knott Creek Allotment into the higher elevation pasture.

Analysis Status: Initial project layout in 2002-03

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Title: Pole Creek Riparian Fence

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Bullhead Allotment

Description: This fence would create a pasture to protect the riparian habitat along Pole Creek in the Snowstorm Mountains and allow for controlled livestock grazing.

Analysis Status: Initial project layout in 2002-03

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Title: Middle Seeding Pipeline Extension

Type of Action: Range Improvement (pipeline & trough)

Location: Jordan Meadows Allotment

Description: This project would create an additional water in the Cordero pasture for livestock and help to alleviate use along Washburn Creek

Analysis Status: Initial project layout in 2002-03

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Title: Wildcat Reservoir

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Jordan Meadows Allotment

Description: This project would create additional water in the Cordero pasture for livestock and help to alleviate use along Washburn Creek

Analysis Status: Initial project layout in 2002-03

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Title: Asa Moore Creek Fence

Type of Action: Fence Project

Location: Asa Moore Allotment

Description: Approximately 2 ½ miles of fence is proposed to protect the riparian areas of Asa Moore Creek.

Analysis Status : In the planning stages

Contact: Scott Clarke

Title: Eden Valley Temporary Seeding Fence

Type of Action: Temporary Fence Project

Location: Eden Valley Allotment

Description: Approximately four miles of temporary fence are proposed to protect an area that has been seeded.

Analysis Status : In the planning stages

Contact: Scott Clarke

Allotment: Pueblo Mountain

Title: Erquiaga Spring

Type of Action: Range Improvement (fence)

Location: Pueblo Mountain Allotment

Description: Change the position of the drift fence between the Chokecherry and Alberton Basin pastures from an existing location south of Erquiaga Spring 1 and 2 to between the two springs to create a water source in the Chokecherry pasture and remove the bottleneck in the Alberton Basin pasture.

Analysis Status: This project is in the preliminary stages of survey and design.

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: Crowley Creek

Title: Upper Lyle Drift Fence

Type of Action: Range Improvement (fence)

Location: Crowley Creek Allotment

Description: Change location of this drift fence to prevent snow damage

Analysis Status: This project is in the preliminary stages of survey and design.

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: Crowley Creek

Title: Lyle Spring Pipeline/Troughs

Type of Action: Range Improvement (Water Project)

Location: Crowley Creek Allotment

Description: Change the location of the trough within the Lyle Spring Meadow.

Analysis Status: This project is in the preliminary stages of survey and design.

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: Chimney Creek

Title: Chimney Creek Pipeline/Trough

Type of Action: Range Improvement (pipeline/trough)

Location: Chimney Creek Allotment

Description: The pipeline would be buried in the ground from private property to the Chimney Creek Allotment. The length of the pipeline would be about one mile. This project would provide additional water for improved distribution of livestock in the Upper Field and Chimney Creek Seeding pastures

Analysis Status: This project is in the preliminary stages of survey and design.

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: Rock Creek

Title: Eagle Creek Pipeline Extension

Type of Action: Range Improvement (Water Pipeline)

Location: Rock Creek Allotment

Description: This pipeline/trough would tie to the Eagle Creek Pipeline to provide water in the northern portion of the Spring Creek Native pasture

Analysis Status: This project is in the preliminary stages of survey and design.

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: Buffalo

Title: Falls Canyon Cattle Guard

Type of Action: Range Improvement (cattle guard)

Location: Buffalo Allotment

Description: The placement of this cattle guard would take the place of a gate with a high frequency of traffic that allows drift of livestock into unauthorized areas.

Analysis Status: This project is in the preliminary stages of survey and design.

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: King River

Title: Kings Riparian Fence

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: King River Allotment

Description: Fence

Analysis Status: Initiation of project

Contact: Lynnda Jackson

Allotment: King River

Title: King River Spring Developments

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Kings River Allotment

Description: Fencing of springs and development of stock water

Analysis Status: Initiation of project

Contact: Lynnda Jackson

Allotment: King River

Title: Desert Coyote Well

Type of Action: Range Improvement

Location: Kings River Allotment

Description: Stock water well

Analysis Status: Initiation of project

Contact: Lynnda Jackson

Allotment: Coyote Hills
Title: Lower Black Mountain Well
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Coyote Hills Allotment
Description: Stock water well
Analysis Status: Initiation of project
Contact: Lynnnda Jackson

Allotment: Bottle Creek
Title: Shorty's Well
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Bottle Creek Allotment
Description: Stock water well
Analysis Status : Initiation of project
Contact: Lynnnda Jackson

Allotment: Bottle Creek
Title: Slough Well
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Bottle Creek Allotment
Description: Stock water well
Analysis Status: Initiation of project
Contact: Lynnnda Jackson

Allotment: Bottle Creek
Title: North Drift Fence
Type of Action: Range improvement
Location: Bottle Creek Allotment
Description: Fence
Analysis Status: Initiation of EA
Contact: Lynnnda Jackson

Allotment: Horse Creek
Title: Fourth of July Riparian Exclosure
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Horse Creek Allotment
Description: Fence
Analysis Status: Initiation of project
Contact: Lynnnda Jackson

Allotment: Jackson Mountain
Title: Bonita Exclosure
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Jackson Mountain Allotment
Description: Riparian exclosure
Analysis Status: Initiation of EA
Contact: Lynnnda Jackson

Allotment: Pine Forest
Title: Pine Forest Spring Fences
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Pine Forest Allotment
Description: Fences
Analysis Status: Initiation of project
Contact: Lynnnda Jackson

Allotment: Pine Forest
Title: Pine Forest Stream Enclosures
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Pine Forest Allotment
Description: Fences
Analysis Status: Initiation of project
Contact: Lynnda Jackson

Allotment: Pine Forest
Title: Pine Forest Off Stream Stock Water
Type of Action: Range Improvement
Location: Pine Forest Allotment
Description: Pipe water from stream to area away from stream
Analysis Status: Initiation of project
Contact: Lynnda Jackson

V. Allotment Evaluations

The Records of Decision for the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans and Environmental Impact Statement (MFP/EIS) were issued July 1982. These documents established the multiple use goals and objectives which guide management of the public lands within the two planning areas.

On February 12, 1997, the Secretary of Interior approved Standards and Guidelines for Nevada. These standards and guidelines provide direction to achieve properly functioning ecosystems for both upland and riparian areas. They also provide for managing rangelands in a manner that will achieve or maintain ecological health, including the protection of habitats for threatened or endangered species and the protection of water quality.

In Nevada, the allotment evaluation process is used to determine if existing multiple uses are meeting or making progress toward meeting general land use plan objectives, allotment specific objectives, and the standards and guidelines.

The allotment evaluation consists of, or involves, the following;

- The evaluation of current grazing use by all users (livestock, wild horses, & wildlife) based on vegetation monitoring data analysis and interpretation.
- Recommendations to change or adjust grazing systems.
- Recommendations to change or adjust livestock stocking levels.
- Establishment of stocking levels for wild horses.
- Recommendations for range improvements to assist in meeting allotment specific objectives and standards for Rangeland Health.

Allotment specific objectives may have to be developed or amended, objectives in the MFPs further quantified at the allotment specific level, and terms and conditions of permits were changed or revised to reflect the goals and objectives of the standards.

The grazing regulations that became effective on August 21, 1995, require that the terms and conditions of grazing permits and leases ensure conformance with the standards and guidelines. If during the allotment evaluation process it is determined that existing terms and conditions are not meeting standards, and livestock grazing is a significant factor in not meeting the standards, then the terms and conditions of the permit will be modified to ensure significant progress is assured toward attainment of the standards.

The allotment evaluation serves as the basis for issuing Multiple Use Decisions (MUDs). MUDs are prepared subsequent to completion of allotment evaluations and are based on the attainment or non-attainment of multiple use objectives and/or standards for rangeland health. Therefore, where the allotment evaluation process has identified the need to make changes in current grazing use (livestock, wild horses, and wildlife), the MUD process is used to establish:

- The terms and conditions of livestock grazing permits.
- The Appropriate Management Level for wild horses and burros.
- Any recommendations for wildlife populations or habitat management actions.

Allotment evaluations are completed based on field office priorities. Allotment evaluations under consideration for the Fiscal Year of 2003 are identified below.

Project Lead	Allotment	Fiscal Year 2003
Jonathan Sheeler	Melody	FY 03
Jonathan Sheeler	Thomas Creek	FY 03
Lynnda Jackson	Kings River	FY 03
Ron Pearson	Coal Canyon/Poker	FY 03
Jonathan Sheeler	Buffalo Hills	FY 03
Lynnda Jackson	Happy Creek	FY 03
Mandy DeForest	Bloody Run	FY 03
Everett Bartz	Rock Creek	FY 03
Ron Pearson	Blue Wing/Seven Troughs	FY 03
Rhonda Purdy	Osgood	FY 03
Jonathan Sheeler	Harmony	FY 03
Lynnda Jackson	Jackson Mountain	FY 03
Ron Pearson	Majuba	FY 03

Environmental Assessments

Grazing Permit Renewals/Issuances

Allotment: Pleasant Valley

Title: Gary Takacs Grazing Permit Renewal

Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal

Location: Pleasant Valley Allotment

Description: Renewal of grazing permit

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Everett Bartz

Allotment: Pleasant Valley, South Rochester and Rawhide

Title: Pleasant Valley Ranch Inc., Grazing Permit Renewal

Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal

Location: Pleasant Valley, South Rochester and Rawhide Allotments

Description: Renewal of Grazing Permit

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Everett Bartz

Allotment: Goldbanks

Title: Mike Burke Grazing Permit Renewal

Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal

Location: Goldbanks Allotment

Description: Renewal of Grazing permit

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Ron Pearson

Allotment: Eden Valley
Title: Fullenwider Family Trust Grazing Permit Renewal
Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal
Location: Eden Valley Allotment
Description: Renewal of Grazing Permit
Analysis Status: EA is being prepared
Contact: Scott Clarke

Allotment: Desert Valley
Title: Mel Hummel Grazing Permit Renewal
Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal
Location: Desert Valley Allotment
Description: Renewal of Grazing Permit
Analysis Status: EA is being prepared
Contact: Lynnda Jackson

Allotment: UC
Title: John L. Falen Livestock and Jordan Meadows LLC Grazing Permit Renewal
Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal
Location: UC Allotment
Description: Renewal of grazing permit
Analysis Status: EA is being prepared
Contact: Mandy DeForest

Allotment: Hot Springs Peak
Title: Jose Talancon Grazing Permit Renewal
Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal
Location: Hot Springs Peak Allotment
Description: Renewal of grazing permit
Analysis Status: EA is being prepared
Contact: Everett Bartz

Allotment: Little Owyhee and Bullhead
Title: Eddie King Grazing Permit Renewal
Type of Action: Grazing Permit Renewal
Location: Little Owyhee and Bullhead Allotments
Description: Renewal of grazing permit
Analysis Status: EA is being prepared
Contact: Mandy Deforest

Allotment: Home Ranch
Title: Home Ranch Grazing Permit
Type of Action: Grazing Permit Issuance
Location: Home Ranch Allotment
Description: Evaluation of the impacts the issuance of a grazing permit would have on the Home Ranch Allotment.
Analysis Status: EA is being prepared
Contact: Mandy DeForest

Allotment: Reymundo
Title: Reymundo Allotment Grazing Permit
Type of Action: Grazing Permit Issuance
Location: Reymundo Allotment
Description: Evaluation of the impacts the issuance of a grazing permit would have on the Reymundo Allotment
Analysis Status: EA is being prepared
Contact: Mandy DeForest



Jackson Mountains, Humboldt County Nevada

ALLOTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Allotment: Washburn

Title: Washburn Allotment EA

Type of Action: Allotment EA/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Washburn Allotment

Description: Presentation and analysis of alternatives to arrive at a Proposed/Final Decision for livestock management on the allotment

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Jonathan Sheeler

Allotment: Pine Forest

Title: Pine Forest Allotment EA

Type of Action: Allotment EA/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Pine Forest Allotment

Description: Presentation and analysis to arrive at a Proposed/Final Decision for livestock management on the allotment

Analysis Status: EA is being developed

Contact: Lynnda Jackson

Allotment: Knott Creek

Title: Knott Creek Allotment EA

Type of Action: Allotment EA/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Knott Creek Allotment

Description: Presentation and analysis of alternatives to arrive at a Proposed/Final Decision for livestock management on the allotment.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Mandy DeForest

Allotment: Bilk Creek

Title: Bilk Creek Allotment EA

Type of Action: Allotment EA/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Bilk Creek Allotment

Description: Presentation and analysis of alternatives to arrive at a Proposed/Final Decision for livestock management on the allotment.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Scott Clarke

Allotment: Iron Point

Title: Iron Point Allotment EA

Type of Action: Allotment EA/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Iron Point Allotment

Description: Presentation and analysis of alternatives to arrive at a Proposed/Final Decision for livestock management on the allotment.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: Osgood

Title: Osgood Allotment EA

Type of Action: Allotment EA/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Osgood Allotment

Description: Presentation and analysis of alternatives to arrive at a Proposed/Final Decision for livestock management on the allotment.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Ronda Purdy

Allotment: Paiute Meadows/Soldier Meadows

Title: Paiute Meadows/Soldier Meadows Allotment EA

Type of Action: Allotment(s) EA/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Paiute Meadows and Soldier Meadows Allotments

Description: Presentation and analysis of alternatives to arrive at a Proposed/Final Decision for livestock management on the allotments.

Analysis Status: EA is being prepared

Contact: Ron Pearson

G. Invasive, Nonnative Species

Title: Site specific noxious weed treatments in Humboldt, Lander, Pershing, and Washoe Counties

Type of Action: Vegetation treatment

Location: Various

Description: Treat various noxious weed infestation utilizing herbicides, mechanical control, fire, or biological control methods.

Status: Various DNAs as necessary

Contact: Chuck Neill

VII. Projects Completed Since September/October 2001

NEPA Doc. #	Title	Applicant	Approval Date
Environmental Impact Statement	Marigold Mine Expansion	Glamis Mining Co	September 2001
NV-020-01-16	Packard Mine Expansion	Coeur Rochester Mine	February 2002
NV-020-02-08	Historic Mine Remediation	Placer-Dome, Inc.	December 2001
NV-020-02-18	Mine Expansion Amendment #15	Florida Canyon Mining	June 2002
NV-020-02-17	180 Day Discharge	Amor II	April 2002
NV-020-02-06	Deep Blue #1	Noramex Minerals	November 2001
NV-020-01-64	Lone Tree Rapid Infiltration Basins	Newmont Gold Co.	October 2001
NV-020-02-20	Button Point Access Road	N. Sweeney	May 2002
NV-020-02-13	Wilderness Therapy Expeditions	Catherine Freer	February 2002
NV-020-DNA-30	Burning Man 2002	Black Rock City LLC	July 2002
NV-020-02-CX-27	Black Rock Gold Tournament	D. Keister	June 2002
NV-020-01-33	Tipton Ranch Fire Rehab #J385	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-34	Gooseberry Fire Rehab #J389	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-35	Imlay Summit Fire Rehab #J362	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-36	Standard Fire Rehab# J379	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-37	W. Little Humboldt Fire Rehab #X227	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-38	Granite Fire Rehab #J361	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-39	Butte Fire Rehab #J380	BLM	October 2001
NV-020-01-40	Valmy 2 Fire Rehab #J381	BLM	October 2001
NV-020-01-41	Lambert Fire Rehab #J382	BLM	October 2001
NV-020-01-42	Adelaide Fire Rehab #J384	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-43	Bull Basin Fire Rehab #J421	BLM	October 2001
NV-020-01-44	Clear Creek Fire Rehab #J436	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-45	Dry Mtn. Fire Rehab #J415	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-46	Golden Eagle Fire Rehab #J432	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-47	Jordan Meadows Fire Rehab #J409	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-48	Krum Fire Rehab	BLM	October 2001

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	#J417		
NV-020-01-49	Kumiva Peak Fire Rehab #J428	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-50	Lambert Rd. Fire Rehab #J423	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-51	Pedrolli Lane Fire Rehab #J424	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-52	Peru Fire Rehab #J438	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-54	Spaulding Fire Rehab #J422	BLM	November 2001
NV-020-01-55	Summit Fire Rehab #J407	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-56	Upper Willow Fire Rehab #J446	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-57	Dutch Flat Fire Rehab #J419	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-58	Willow Tree Fire Rehab #J446	BLM	September 2001
NV-020-01-21	Mine Plan Approval	Eagle-Picher Minerals Inc.	July 2002
NV-020-01-59	Geothermal Leasing	Various leasing applicants	Sept. 2001
NV-020-01-63	NV Bell Rock Cr. Communication Line	Nevada Bell	Oct. 2001
NV-020-01-63	Rose Creek Pipeline	BLM/Applicant	March 2002
NV-020-02-15	Paradise Rancho Fence	Nevada First Corp.	March 2002
NV-020-02-02	Bishop Canyon Drift Fence	Rob Nuffer	October 2001
NV-020-02-21	Eight Mile Division Fence	John Falen	May 2002
NV-020-02-24	Green Strips	BLM	August 2002